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TO: Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission
Allan Abbott
Kathleen A. Sellman

I support the June 27th recommendation on the East Beltway. I believe that the East Middle Beltway route is the best route compared to East Close or East Far routes as summarized in the recommendation:

The East Middle route has greater travel savings than East Far and is less expensive to build than East Close. The East Middle requires less paving of arterial streets leading to the beltway intersections than East Far as well. East Close requires fewer miles of arterial street paving than the East Middle also uses 150 acres (approximately 1/4 of a square mile) less land than the other two routes. The East Middle route is superior in terms of transportation function and Comprehensive Plan implications and would serve the goals of the Comprehensive Plan better than the other two routes. East Middle has about the same environmental impacts as East Far, but has fewer residential relocations, historic impacts, visual and noise impacts than East Far. It has fewer impacts in almost all categories than the East Close route. The East Middle Comprehensive Plan Amendment #94-64 should be approved for inclusion in the Plan. The Comprehensive Plan amendments for East Far and East Close routes are not in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan and should be denied.

Thank you for considering my comments,

Sincerely,

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